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Mr. James W. van Loben Sels, Director  
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Attention: Federal Resources Branch, Room 3500  
for Mr. Garland Hagen

Dear Mr. van Loben Sels:

SUBJECT: SANDAG FSTIP AMENDMENT NUMBER 2

We have completed our review of the San Diego Association of Governments' (SANDAG) Amendment Number 2 to the 1996/97 - 1998/99 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) submitted with your letter dated November 20, 1996. We accept this amendment in accordance with 23 CFR 450 as revised by the Metropolitan Planning Rule issued October 28, 1993, and effective November 29, 1993. This amendment revises SANDAG's 1996-03 Regional TIP (RTIP) as follows:

- Exchanges \$1.3 million of Surface Transportation Program funds from the I-5/Cannon Road projects with \$1.3 million of Interstate Maintenance (IM) funds from the I-5/I-805 Stage 2A freeway widening.

SANDAG's TIP Amendment No. 2 is approved as proposed and the projects are considered programmed in the 1996/97 to 1998/99 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). We find that this amendment was developed based on a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with 23 U.S.C. 134 and Section 8 of the Federal Transit Act (49 U.S.C. app 1607). The projects included in SANDAG Amendment Number 2 are exempt from a conformity determination to be performed [40 CFR §93.134] as they are revenue neutral and have no effect on the air quality analysis and conformity finding of the 1996-03 RTIP.

This finding has been coordinated with the regional offices of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in accordance with the procedures outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding on single mode TIP Amendments dated March 8, 1996.

This letter also constitutes approval, and inclusion of SANDAG's TIP Amendment No. 2 into California's 1996/1997 - 1998/99 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Our approval is based on Caltrans' assurance that the funding for the projects in this amendment is already within the approved FSTIP Financial Plan, with the exception of the HBRR project, and therefore do not adversely impact the FSTIP Financial Plan.

Sincerely yours,

For  
David H. Densmore  
Division Administrator